

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2007, Applicants provide the following. Claims 8, 10, 12, 15-16, 19, 21-23, 26, 30, 33-34, 37, 41, 46, 56, 58, 61, 65, 67, 70, 76, 80 and 86-89 have been amended without adding new matter. Claims 12, 23, 34, 58, 67 and 76 were previously canceled. Claims 1-3, 14, 20, 25, 31, 36, 42-43, 47-49, 59, 68 and 78 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Seventy-one (71) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 4-12, 15-19, 21-23, 26-30, 32-34, 37-41, 44-46, 50-58, 61-67, 70-77 and 80-93. Reconsideration of claims 4-12, 15-19, 21-23, 26-30, 32-34, 37-41, 44-46, 50-58, 61-67, 70-77 and 80-93 in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

This amendment is timely filed within the three month period for response at the local time of submission using the Office electronic filing system and; thus, no fees are due.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's willingness to take part in the telephonic interview on July 3, 2007. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 4-7 and 50-55 in the application have been allowed.

By way of this amendment, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Summary of Applicant Initiated Examiner Interview

1. Per 37 CFR § 133(b), the following is a brief summary of the Examiner interview conducted July 3, 2007 via telephone between James O'Hare, Attorney of Record, and Examiner Pramila Parthasarathy. No exhibits were used. The rejected claims were discussed in view of the Abdo reference. In particular, Applicant noted, and the Examiner agreed, that Abdo et al. does not disclose the use of two encryption keys. Applicant agreed to formally respond to the Office Action noting the distinction discussed on the telephone. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection and its finality in view of this distinction but reserved the right to conduct another search.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 4-7 and 50 -55 are allowed as written.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

3. Claims 1-3, 8-12, 14-23, 25-34, 36-49, 56-68, 70-78 and 80-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0141591 (Abdo et al.).

Claims 1-3, 14, 20, 25, 31, 36, 42-43, 47-49, 59, 68 and 78 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 8-11 and 56-57 have been amended to variously depend upon the allowed claims and; thus, claims 8-11 and 56-57 should also be allowed.

Independent method claims 12, 23, 34, 58, 67 and 76 have been amended in method form to include analogous subject matter of allowed independent claims 4 and 50. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 12, 23, 34, 58, 67 and 76, and any claims dependent thereon, should be allowed for the same reasons that claims 4 and 50 are allowed. Applicants further submit that such amendments do not raise new issues or require a new search. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 12, 23, 34, 58, 67 and 76, and any claims dependent thereon, should be allowed.

Other dependent claims were variously amended to be consistent with the amendments to the various independent claims and likewise do not raise new issues.

Although the Examiner acknowledged that the rejection of the independent claims would be overcome, in view of the fact that the Examiner would conduct a new search and likely provide an additional rejection, Applicants have elected to pursue the timely allowance of the currently allowed claims, while preserving the right to prosecute the currently rejected claims in a continuing application. That is, the amendments presented herein are for the purpose of pursuing the timely issuance of the allowed subject matter. Thus, the amendment of claims 8, 10, 12, 15-16, 19, 21-23, 26, 30, 33-34, 37, 41, 46, 56, 58, 61, 65, 67, 70, 76, 80 and 86-89, as

well as the cancellation of claims 1-3, 12, 14, 20, 23, 25, 31, 34, 36, 42-43, 47-49, 58-59, 67-68, 76 and 78, should not represent a surrender of any subject matter and Applicants specifically preserve the right to present these claims in their unamended form in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above amendments and remarks place all pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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